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SUBJECT: FINNISH DEFENSE MINISTRY PLANS FOR NAMIBIA PEACEKEEPING

1. PRESS AUGUST 25 REPORTED STATEMENT BY UN AFFAIRS OFFICE
OF DEFENSE MINISTRY ON PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE FINNISH PAR-
TICIPATION IN A NORDIC PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA, AN
IDEA WHICH PRESS SAID HAD BEEN RAISED THREE DAYS EARLIER
IN LUSAKA. STATEMENT MADE CLEAR THAT ANY REQUEST FOR FINNISH
TROOPS WOULD HAVE TO COME THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT
GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEDE TO REQUEST.

2. STATEMENT SAID PREPARATIONS ALREADY MADE FOR SENDING
TROOPS. CLIMATIC CONDITIONS BELIEVED TO BE LESS DIFFICULT
THAN IN SINAI WHEN FINNISH SOLDIERS OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY.
DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS PROGRAM FOR EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT IN
1976-79 FOR FINNISH PEACEKEEPING TROOPS WHICH PROVIDES
\$100,000 FOR SPECIAL PURCHASES THIS YEAR. BULK OF
EQUIPMENT FOR ANY FINNISH TROOPS WHICH MIGHT BE SENT
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ON UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WOULD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PAST PRACTICE, BE "BORROWED" FROM NORMAL MILITARY
STOCKS AND THEN PAID FOR WHEN THE UN MAKES FUNDS
AVAILABLE.

3. STATEMENT MADE NO MENTION OF THE NUMBER OF TROOPS
COVERED IN FINNISH PLANNING FOR NAMIBIA.

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